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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The invention relates to a sausage product comprising a sausage casing, closed at its ends and containing sausage contents, as well as a corresponding sausage casing. Independent of possible food law labeling, the term sausage product in the context of the invention is not to be understood to mean exclusively meat-containing products but all products produced in a corresponding sausage shape.

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

This object is solved according to the present intention by a sausage product comprising a sausage casing closed at the ends and sausage contents contained in the sausage casing, wherein the sausage casing has an opening element that, when actuated, opens the sausage casing in the area of the opening element. The object is further solved ~~having the features of claim 1 or~~ by a corresponding sausage casing.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

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DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS